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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 30TH, 1906.

"The trade of this Colony is honeycombed with fraud and deceit." These words were said, not of Hongkong, but of Singapore, in connection with the promotion of the Bill for Registration of Partnerships, which, after long discussion, was read a second time. The words are too strong to apply to Hongkong, perhaps; but the gentleman who said, "it will be apparent to any one who over some years back has closely watched the course of mercantile and trading affairs here that the methods of conducting these have changed considerably—and one regrets to feel that the change has not been in the direction of higher morality," might have been speaking of Hongkong. There was a good deal of claptrap talked by the Singapore opponents of the principle, some of which will doubtless one day be repeated locally, about unfair imputations, and so on. As a matter of fact, no mercantile community has any right to be thin-skinned in such connection. The late Mr. Spencer, in the volume of essays published shortly before his death, pointed out very simply a fact that is so obvious that it is overlooked. This, by the way, is no paradox, at all; it is possible to put a solid object so close to the eye that one sees over and under it while it remains nebulous if not invisible. The ignored fact referred to is that all modern business is conducted on the tacit understanding that the parties thereto are potentially dishonest. Every formal contract is *per se* an implication that its signatories, without it, might not meet their obligations. The law affords further safeguards, which, while by no means uniformly effective, are unanimously accepted as necessary to

business. The Registration of Partnerships, properly devised, is merely an extension of an admitted principle; and it is, therefore, sheer nonsense to talk of its "demoralising the Chinese"—who, by the way, despite tradition, are no more to be trusted in a deal than the foreign contractor—or to talk of its "harassing trade," or of its "interference with the liberty of the merchant and trader." The best of our laws is an interference, and all stipulations whatsoever are in the nature of things harassing to any persons liable, either wilfully or involuntarily, to make default. Registration of Partnerships, either general or of Chinese only, will not drive away any business that is worth keeping, in this or any other Colony. Another Singapore objection was that the Government finger was a nuisance in the commercial pie, which is merely another form of the parrot-cry already mentioned. The Bankruptcy Ordinance represents a very big finger in that same pie, and is equally exposed to such an objection. Shifting their ground, and by implication abandoning their noble stand for "the fair fame of the colony," the objectors protested that "a new kind of fraud would arise, a kind of legal fraud." This seems to us more puerile still; since it seems clear that every law ever promulgated can be charged with creating a consequent crime, in the attempt to break or evade it. Indeed, after carefully extracting and weighing all the *cavea* brought forward at the southern port we fail to find one with any more weight than the objection that there might be temporary "inconvenience"; and that, it will be conceded, does not require serious consideration. In the case of the Singapore Bill, we read that its main idea is that every person who trades under a name which indicates that he is in partnership with another person, or who trades under a name not his own, should be required to register the constitution of the partnership, or, if he be a single individual trading under a fancy name, his true place of business. It will thus be possible for any one who is asked to give credit to ascertain whether the firm is worthy of credit. The bill does not propose to make any alteration in the existing English law, except that the penalty for non-registration is loss of claim to the benefits of partnership, and, on the other hand, inability to sue. At Hongkong, a Bill covering these points would be hailed with approval; and by none, we imagine, more than the banks, the bankrupt officials, and the business men who deal largely with Chinese firms. One Singapore gentleman, the Hon. Mr. A. HUTTENBACH, held the opinion that it would be difficult to find a case of a man representing himself to be a partner who is not really a partner. Experience teaches us that is not the correct formula to employ; the trouble is that sometimes, men are represented by others to be partners, when they are not; the firm prospers on the credit of such representation; and if things go wrong, it is easy for the lawyers to prove that the man (who may have secretly derived profit from the firm) never held himself out as a partner; and of course he does that he authorised any to do so. The Singapore Chinese were said to be averse, not to the principle of the Bill, but to its form. It is the principle only that interests this Colony just now. Would the Chinese business people regard it favourably? It has been pointed out that Chinese mercantile guilds are already in a great measure equivalent to such registration; they find partnership records useful for the protection of Chinese creditors. Compulsory registration, even without being penal, would afford similar protection to all. There would be fewer fraudulent bankruptcies; and even if men of straw were registered instead of the real partners, who would be more likely to suffer—the firms that did so, or creditors? Such firms would lose credit; or if they got credit, those who had trusted men of straw could not very well complain if they lost by doing so. At present complaints are frequent and numerous; and the Government ought to reconsider the question very carefully without loss of time. Why wait for Singapore?

Mr. H. J. Gedge has joined the H. K. V. Troop.

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The plague total stands at three. During the week ending Jan. 27th, five cases of smallpox were notified, two being fatal. One was a Singhalese; the other four were Chinese.

In addition to an interesting article which is copiously quoted in another column, the *Far Eastern Review* for January, has a well-illustrated article describing Sir Paul Chater's new house on the Peak, with particulars from the architect, Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

A solicitor appearing for a defendant in the Supreme Court yesterday told the Puisne Judge that he was un instructed as his client did not "get up till three o'clock." "Tell him to rise earlier to-morrow," replied his Lordship in fixing the case for to-day.

The programme for this week at the Hongkong Branch of the Royal Sanitary Institute is as follows:—Tuesday, Lecture by Mr. J. J. Bryan, on "Sanitary Plumbing;" Wednesday, Sanitary Inspectors Test Examination; Friday, Lecture by Mr. J. J. Bryan, on "Sanitary Plumbing."

On Saturday afternoon the remains of Mr. G. A. Chalmers, late sub-accountant of the National Bank of India, Australia and China, were interred in the Happy Valley cemetery. A large number of deceased's friends followed the cortège to the cemetery, where the Rev. C. H. Hickling conducted the burial service.

The following notification has been received from the Madras Government:—"The Governor in Council is pleased to withdraw the regulations under the Venetian Sanitary Convention imposed in the ports of the Madras Presidency against arrivals from Hongkong, intimation having been received that Hongkong has been free from plague."

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending Jan. 30th, excluding Thursday and Friday for New Year festivities, shows that of non-Chinese there were 126 to the Library and 38 to the Museum; and of Chinese 63 to the former and 2,978 to the latter. The Library was therefore used by 189 persons, and the Museum by 3016.

The N. Y. K. is making arrangements to land passengers in New York via Seattle in record time. Leaving Seattle at 8 a.m., by the Great Northern Railway, St. Paul is reached at 10.40 p.m. There is a twenty minute interval here, and then the C. M. & St. P. line carries the passenger to Chicago, arriving at 11.40 a.m. Thence to New York by the 20th Century Express means 18 hours more (2.30 p.m. to 9.30 a.m.) or altogether, 2h. 20m. waiting, and 9h. 20m. in the train—less than four days for the overland trip.

There have just been deposited in the Museum of the Royal United Service Institution in Whitehall by Miss Carrick Moore the decorations worn by her two distinguished great-uncles—Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Moore and Admiral Sir Graham Moore, K.C.B. The relics of the former comprise the gold collar and badge, the star and ribbon of the Order of the Bath, a most beautiful diamond star, representing the same Order, which was purchased by his officers for 350 guineas, and presented to Sir John Moore in 1804. Sir Graham Moore's orders include the badge and star of a K.C.B., the star of a G.C.B., and the star, ribbon, and collar of a G.C.M.G. The prayer-book used at the burial of Sir John Moore at Corunna, as well as his writing desk, has for several years past been on view at the Museum.

Vice President Yen, of the Ministry of Education (Hsienpu), has recently memorialised the Throne on the advisability of discontinuing the study of what are called the "Four Books" as part of the curriculum of the primary schools of the country, on the ground that they are too deep and philosophical to be understood by young children, and that there be substituted modern text-books of the grade suited. The "Four Books" mentioned in the foregoing are composed of the "Lun Yu" (Confucian Analects); "Mengtsu" (works of the philosopher and sage Mencius); "Ta Hsio" (great learning by the philosopher and sage Tseng, the ancestor of the aristocratic Tseng clan, which boasts of a Marquis and an Earl), and the "Chung Yung" (doctrine of the mean, by Tze Sze, the grandson of Confucius, the chief of China's philosophers and sages). The N.C. Daily News considers this a sensible idea.

The Berlin *Morgenpost* says it has authority for the statement that the Chief Burgomaster of Berlin intends to invite the Lord Mayor of London and other members of the London local governing bodies to pay a corporate visit to the German capital in June next. It is probable, the journal adds, that Lord Arbury and Sir Thomas Barlow will receive a civic invitation to visit Berlin at the same time. The Berlin Chamber of Commerce has decided, in furtherance of the movement for the strengthening of the existing friendly relations between Great Britain and Germany, to organise a demonstration of Anglo-German friendship which shall at the same time be a reply to the recent manifestations of good will towards Germany which have lately come from Great Britain. To end this the Chamber of Commerce will give a banquet on January 15, at which the British Ambassador has promised to be present. It is added that representatives of the German and of the more important British Chambers of Commerce will be invited to attend the banquet. Prince Buslow telegraphed his "warmest sympathy."

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TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S SERVICE]

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LONDON, January 27th.

The German newspapers announce that the Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Co. will start fortnightly service on the 3rd proximo, from Hamburg to India, taking considerably reduced rates. The service is regarded as the opening of a rate-war between the P. & O. Co. and The Hansa Co.

RACING NEWS.

Over wet track the ponies galloped yesterday morning, the recorded times being:—

Emerald King, 1m., 31.

Gold King, 1m., 32 4-5.

La France Rose, 1½m., last half, 32 3-5.

1.06 3-5.

Glorious Rose, 1½m., 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 308, 342,

4-12 2-5.

Sunrise Rose, 1½m., 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 420.

Himalaya Rose, 1½m., last ¾ taken, 33 3-5,

1.17 2-5, 1.55 2-5.

Common Rose, last quarter 31.

Pilot, 1m., 32 4-5.

Frechdachs, 1m., last ¾, 35 2-5, 1.13, 1.43.

Arab Chief and Mongolian Chief, 36, 1.12,

1.48, 2-24.

Sundial, 1m., 32.

Rising Sun, 1m., last quarter 31 2-5.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S PROPOSALS.

A correspondent writes: In spite of all that has been said and written about Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal proposals during the last few years, I find that there are still very many people who have either a confused or a totally erroneous idea as to what those proposals are. I think, therefore, that you would be doing a service to the Unionist cause if you would recapitulate them once more, as plainly and simply as possible. They are set out as follows in a leaflet recently issued by the Tariff Reform League:

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BRITISH POLITICS.

OUTLINES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

Telegrams to the Indian press furnish interesting details of the policy of the New Government in the various departments of State as announced by the newly-appointed ministers.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, in his electoral address, reiterates the Government's desire to develop the Irish policy of the late Government so as to enable Irishmen to be directly associated with the management of purely Irish affairs.

No proposal for a legislative Parliament in Ireland can be introduced in the coming Parliament.

Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester said the Government of the Transvaal will be transferred to a representative democratic assembly as soon as possible. The Government would not continue in office unless it obtained a substantial majority enabling it to maintain itself with dignity and honour in the House of Commons.

Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, speaking in the City of London, announced that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had given him a free hand to reorganise the army. The Premier, he said, laid such stress on the matter of efficiency that he was prepared, if it was thought necessary, to spend more money and get more men. The army must be a striking force capable of immediate transportation overseas. It was, he said, necessary to secure a high quality in the militia and also to encourage the volunteers. Mr. Haldane declared that he would rather resign than reduce the expenditure on the artillery by a single penny. In conclusion, he said that the Government's policy was to follow up the best which was done by its predecessors.

The Standard understands that Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, will restore the five years with the colours and seven years in the reserve.

Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, speaking at Battersea, announced that the militia will be called out at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Sheffield, said that the national expenditure had risen to forty-three millions in ten years, half of which was spent on the army and navy. There was, he said, a wide field for remission of taxation, including that on coal, tea, sugar and income. But the remission was impossible without a reduction of expenditure.

The new Government, however, hoped to economise without weakening the services.

Welsh Disestablishment and Disendowment are to have a prominent place in the new Liberal Government's programme.

Sir Alfred Thomas H. P., who addressed his constituents at Rhondda, after reiterating his declaration that he would not support any administration which did not include Welsh disestablishment and disendowment as an essential item in their programme, said that he was in a position to tell them that this would be carried out by the Liberal Government.

A Bill for the disestablishment of the Anglican Church in Wales was introduced by the last Liberal Government in 1895.

It was in charge of Mr. Asquith, then Home Secretary, and had reached the Committee stage, when the defeat of the Government on the cordite vote put an end to its career.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, January 29th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUISNE JUDGE).

NOT AN EARLY RISEE.

Mak Yee-tung sued Chan Hon-kai for \$800. Mr. E. J. Grist appeared for plaintiff.</div

PARIS.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT]

December 22nd.

FRENCH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

France, while aware that she can never become as formidable a sea-Power as Great Britain, has no intention to let her Fleet be surpassed by that of Germany. The French Fleet at the present moment is superior to the German Fleet. So far, so good. In view of Germany's intention to give an extraordinary increase to her Fleet, France too intends to do the same, so as to maintain her superior position; the French naval programme ensures this in future. The French Admiralty believes that the annual sum expended on the Navy, and which amounts to 120,000,000 francs, is sufficient, until Germany has voted her 1906 programme, when it will be necessary for M. Rourier, as the French Chancellor of the Exchequer, to be more liberal. In 1906, the French naval authorities will ask for the laying down of three new battleships, or one division more. A second division will be built in 1907. The French Navy will profit in the construction of these vessels—like all other navies—from the lessons of the recent Russo-Japanese war. The fighting units will be individually as powerful as possible. The new French battleships will be vessels of 18,000 tons, with a speed of 18 knots, and armed with four 305 mm. (12.5 in.) and twelve 240 mm. (9.3-5 in.) guns, whereas the last iron-clad constructed were of 14,800 tons, with a speed of 18 knots, and were armed with four 305 mm. (12.5 in.) and ten 194 mm. (7.4-5 inch) guns. The new units will yield no point to those being constructed in other countries—Germany included.

WOMEN SURGEONS.

The woman house surgeon in this capital is receiving considerable attention by hospital authorities. For the examinations, which are now approaching, there are no fewer than 615 candidates to be disposed of. Six of the numbers are women whose record as medical students augurs well for their success. The position of woman hospital surgeon in Paris goes more by the results of competitive public examination than by anything else.

PARIS WATER SUPPLY.

Bad water is a familiar thing to Parisians. M.M. Moreau and Rendu have just laid before the Municipal Council their very important report on the water supply of the French capital. The report states at the outset that the water supplied to Paris, which has cost nearly £120,000,000, is far from irreproachable. For spring water, sand-beds do not filter adequately, nor are they to be recommended for river water, except under conditions which do not at present exist. M.M. Moreau and Rendu, propose to borrow £120,000, in order to remedy the evil—a growing one, so far as Paris is concerned. They further urge that recourse should be had to chemical ozone, which they allege would render the water all that could be desired. Where is the money to come from? It is for M. Rourier to answer that question.

THE CONSUMPTION CURE.

Although Boerling's anti-tuberculosis vaccine is still an impenetrable mystery so far as human beings are concerned, Chauvenet, of the French Academy of Sciences, declares that the question is already beyond the region of doubt, though up to the present the bovo-vaccine has not passed from the laboratory to the general practitioners. In Germany, Italy, France, and Hungary, men capable of research have used it with success for four years past, though the number of cattle inoculated, which in France exceeds 14 millions, is comparatively insignificant, a few in each country except Hungary, where some thousands have been treated, and the treatment we are told is an easy one to apply.

TORPEDO TESTS.

It is becoming quite clear that the French Minister of Marine has but one object—to improve the French Navy in every possible way, and to bring it up to date. Some very interesting as well as instructive torpedo tests have been in progress off Cherbourg during the past few days, when torpedo-boats and submarines employed the armoured gunboat *Cocytus* as a target. The boats practised launching torpedoes at the gunboat from long distances, of which a record will be kept for purposes of study. Submarine torpedo work is still defective, as despite the periscope, these boats are still "blind." The Minister of Marine attaches the greatest importance to these long distance tests and all the torpedo flotillas along the Channel coast are to be put through them in succession.

A STAFF RIDER.

A remarkable fine piece of military riding has just been accomplished in perfect condition by a French detachment of twenty men of the 4th Dragoons, commanded by the Colonel, who was assisted by a captain and three lieutenants. Leaving Chambery at 6.30 a.m. the party reached Vizille (2.30 p.m.), having thus covered 48 miles without a single stop. At 4 p.m. the march back to Chambery was begun, the route being via Grenoble and Les Echelles. Various manoeuvres and reconnaissances were carried out on the road, and after all stops and the night's rest, the detachment marched into Chambery at noon, next day, having in all covered 121 miles in the space of 23 hours.

TROPICAL BOTANY.

M. Auguste Chevalier, who returned a few days ago to Paris from West Africa, where he went to study agricultural botany for the French Government, delivered a very interesting lecture last night—the result of his keen observations. He found orange cultivation in

the Fonte-Djalon region so far advanced that these really fine fruits were almost ready for the Paris market. On the Ivory Coast, indiarubber planting gives great promise. In the opinion of the explorer, the Portuguese Colony of San-Thomé is a magnificent school for experiment which should be studied by all those interested in tropical botany and African agriculture. M. Chevalier also explored Lake Chad in the general interests of science.

NAVIES OF THE WORLD.

COMPARISON OF SHIPS COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR.

NEW PROGRAMMES.

A London paper makes the following survey of the progress made during 1905 by the nations in building up their fleets.

The most active foreign Powers have been Germany and the United States.

Great Britain has launched during the year two battleships and four armoured cruisers. France has launched one battleship and one armoured cruiser. Germany two battleships, Russia one battleship, Italy two battleships and an armoured cruiser, Japan two battleships and one armoured cruiser, and the United States four battleships and one armoured cruiser.

The British battleships are the *Africa* and *Hibernia*, of 16,350 tons, and they are individually heavier than any of the other battleships launched.

The list of vessels completed and commissioned by the various Powers shows that Great Britain has put five battleships and four armoured cruisers into service; France one armoured cruiser, Germany two battleships and two armoured cruisers, Russia no large vessels at all, Italy one armoured cruiser, Japan no vessels at all, and the United States five battleships.

The British battleships are of the King Edward VII class, and are of the same displacement as the vessels launched, the German battleships are the *Hessen* and *Pruisen*, of 13,000 tons, while the United States battleships are the *Rhode Island* and *her sister*, with a displacement of rather more than 14,000 tons each.

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TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

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G. A. WOODCOCK.

Secretary, Sanitary Board.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL: Every day except SUNDAY from 2 to 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1906. [284]

CONNAUGHT RECEPTION.

It has been decided (subject to the approval of His Royal Highness) to give a Subscription Ball from the Community of Hongkong to His Royal Highness PRINCE ARTHUR of CONNAUGHT, K.G., G.C.V.O. on MONDAY, February 12th, at 9:30 P.M. in the City Hall.

All British Subjects willing to subscribe are invited to send in their names to the undersigned. Those of other nationalities who wish to subscribe will oblige by sending their names to their respective Consuls, who will forward them to the Ball Committee.

The Subscription is \$15 fifteen dollars, which includes the name of subscriber and his family residing under his roof.

In sending in applications, subscribers will oblige by kindly giving their address, and stating ladies who are to be included in their subscriptions.

Intending subscribers will please send in their names as soon as possible as the number of tickets must be limited.

W. ARMSTRONG.

Hon. Sec. Ball Committee.

(n/a Butterfield & Swire)

Hongkong, 25th January, 1906. [284]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE 1906 RACE MEETING will be held on MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, and TWO FOLLOWING DAYS, not on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, as previously arranged for.

In all other respects the programme as issued will stand.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH.

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1906. [147]

TO LET.

AT QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, the Offices (Ground Floor) lately occupied by Hamburg-American Line.

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [299]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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THE Company's Steamship

"TOURIST."

Captain Girard, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about MONDAY, the 5th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, 17th January, 1906. [2]

THE ORIENTAL PACIFIC LINE

FOR SAN FRANCISCO VIA PORTS.

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"SEMINOLE."

Tons 6050, will be despatched about end of February.

For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [300]

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

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"HAICHING."

Captain A. E. Hodges, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-DAY, the 30th inst., at 11 A.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1906. [294]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

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Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

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Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASOON & CO., LTD.

Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1906. [295]

ZETLAND LODGE, NO. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREE-MASONS' HALL on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at 8:30 for 9 P.M. precisely.

Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1906. [289]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THIS Undersigned have received instructions from the Hon. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, to Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (TUESDAY) the 30th January, 1906, at 11 A.M., at the Government Stores, Wan Chai, SUNDRY CONDEMNED,

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Hongkong, 23th January, 1906. [282]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THIS Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),

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The downstair Furniture and part of the Plants will be sold on Wednesday and the Bed-room Furniture and remainder of the Plants on Thursday.

On View—Monday and Tuesday, the 5th and 6th February.

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TERMS.—As usual.

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Hongkong, 25th January, 1906. [283]

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Hongkong, 30th June, 1905. [1567]

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1905. [113]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [29]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1906. [155]

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1905. [43]

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Hongkong, 20th September 1905. [2165]

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Hongkong, 16th January, 1906. [226]

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Hongkong, 22nd December, 1905.

WM. SCHMIDT & CO.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1905. [2249]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on THURSDAY, the 1st FEBRUARY, 1906, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th January, to THURSDAY, the 1st February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. SHELTON HOOVER,

Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND

AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for the

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1906. [193]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 13th January, 1906. [177]

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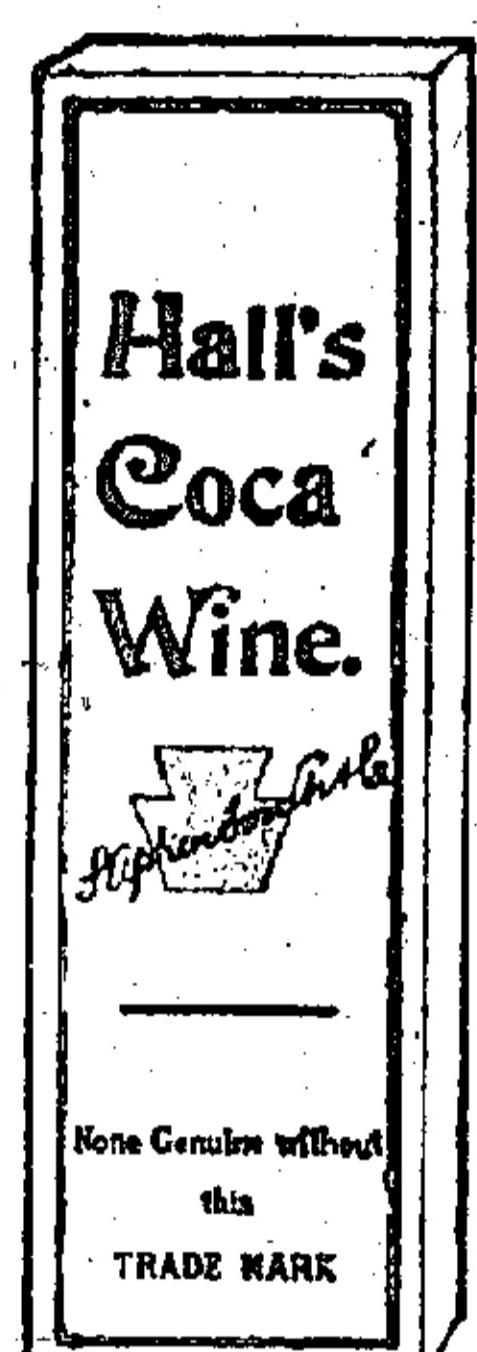
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ARRIVALS.

ALESIA, German str., 3,370. H. Lüning 29th January.—Moji 24th January, General—Hamburg Amerika Line.
CASTOR, Norwegian str., 774, Hojrhude, 29th January.—Twentian 24th Jan., Koresone.—Guo, Malin.
CHIRIL, British str., 1,142. G. Hooker, 29th Jan.—Nagasaki 11th Jan., and Kobe 17th, Coal—Butterfield & Swire.
CHINKIANG, British str., 1,229, Robertson, 28th January.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 24th Jan., General—Butterfield & Swire.
GERMANY, German str., 500, J. Petersen, 27th Jan., Chinkiang 26th Jan., General—Jenson & Co.
LOONGMOO, German str., 1,245, Kalkofen, 28th Jan.—Chinkiang 23rd Jan., Rice—Shemsen & Co.
ROON, German str., 5,034, G. Meiners, 29th Jan.—Yokohama 20th Jan., and Shanghai 27th, Mail and General—Melschers & Co.
TAIWAN, British str., 1,042. J. Martin, 28th Jan.—Saigon 24th Jan., Ballast—Chinese.
TAIWAN, British str., 1,453, L. Dawson, 29th Jan.—Yokohama 19th Jan., and Kobe 23rd, General—Butterfield & Swire.
VINCENT, British ship, 1,776, J. Cox, 28th Jan.—Philadelphia 7th July, 1905.
TENIANG, British str., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 29th Jan.—Manila 28th Jan., General—Jardine Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCE.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
January 29th.
Alesia, German str., for Singapore.
Carl Biedermann, German str., for Holloway.
Cathie, British str., for Canton.
Hatching, British str., for Swatow.
Helene, German str., for Swatow.
Hongkong, French str., for Haiphong.
Stentor, British str., for Singapore.
Taiwan, British str., for Chinkiang.
Zaida, British str., for Singapore.

DEPARTURES.

January 28th.
KOON SWING, British str., for Canton.
January 29th.
CHINKIANG, British str., for Canton.
GERMANY, German str., for Canton.
PAOTING, British str., for Canton.
SHAWNU, Amer. str., for Tacoma.
TRIGONIA, Dutch str., for Canton.
SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British str. *Chinkiang* reports: Moderate N.E. monsoon.
The British str. *Chinkiang* reports: Moderate monsoon and drizzling weather.
The British str. *Taiwan* reports: Fine weather, fresh monsoon and rain near Hongkong.
The British str. *Taiwan* reports: Heavy N.W. gale in Japan coast, heavy monsoon in Formosa Channel.
The British str. *Yuenyang* reports: Experienced light to moderate N.E. winds with corresponding sea fine and clear weather throughout.
The German str. *Roan* reports: Met with a strong N.E. wind and a high sea between Yokohama and Kobe. After leaving Kobe the weather was fine during the whole voyage to Hongkong.

VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Jan. 13, Dutch str. *Timulus*, Williams, Nov. 24, from Amsterdam for Batavia.
Jan. 13, Dutch str. *Willa*, Bagelius, Dec. 9, from Rotterdam for Batavia.
Jan. 14, Dutch str. *Maling*, Klyn, Dec. 1, from Cambi for Batavia.
Jan. 15, British str. *Celtic Chief*, James, from Hongkong for Port Adelaid.
Jan. 15, Amer. *Portug. d. G. Ropes*, Rivers, from Hongkong for New York.
Jan. 16, German str. *Berlin*, Orzel, Jan. 15, from Tjilatjap for Batavia.

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"		On 20th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"XANTHSE"		On 21st February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOME"		On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"		On 6th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TREKKAI"		On 13th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"STENTOR"		On 30th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PATROCLES"		On 13th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"SAINT BEDE"		On 20th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"		On 27th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"		On 13th March.
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	"YANGTSE"	On 24th February.	
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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Korea, with the American mail, left Shanghai on Saturday, the 27th inst., at 11 a.m., and is expected here to-day, at daylight.
The Zieten, with the German mail, of the 2nd January, left Singapore on Saturday, the 27th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 1st prox., at daylight.
The Tschirn, with the French mail of the Jan. 5th, leaves Singapore on Monday, the 29th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 27th for Kobe. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 2nd December.

A. Mail for MACAO is despatched per s.s. Wingchei on week-days at 5.00 p.m. On Sunday the mail for Macao is closed at 5.00 a.m.
B. Mails for CANTON, SAMHWI and WUCHOW are closed on week-days at 7.30 a.m. and at 5.00 p.m.
Mails for CANTON, NAMTAO, SANBUE, KONGMOON, KUMCHOK, SAMHWI, and Wuchow are closed every weekday, at 5 p.m. On Sundays the mails are closed at 9 a.m.
No mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR

FROM

	PRE	DATE
Hainan		Tuesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Zaida		Tuesday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Alesia		Tuesday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Haungshan		Tuesday, 30th, 11.15 P.M.
Kaifong		Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Tuan		Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Oscar II.		Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Triumph		Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Holstein		Tuesday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Dakota		Wednesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Roon		Wednesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Taiyuan		Wednesday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Paoing		Thursday, Feb. 1, 3.00 P.M.
Tiyanan		Thursday, Feb. 1, 4.00 P.M.

BUREAU, 20, India via Ticticin.
Date Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra
Postage 10 cents.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)

Macao
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
Shanghai
Ningpo and Shanghai
Macao
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth
Iloilo
Batavia, Charibon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar

TO-DAY.
Sale, Stores, Government Stores, Wan Chai, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 11 a.m.
TO-MORROW.
Sale, Household Furniture, Barker Road, Peak, Messrs. Hughes & Hough, 2.30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.		January 29th.
On London.	Bank Bills, on demand	2.04
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2.04
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2.04
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.04
	Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2.04
On Paris.	Bank Bills, on demand	2.41
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.52
On Germany.	On demand	2.07
On Paris.	Bank Bills, on demand	2.41
On New York.	Bank Bills, on demand	49
	Credits, 60 days' sight	50
On Bombay.	Teleg. Transfer	150
	Bank, on demand	150
On Calcutta.	Telegraphic Transfer	150
	Bank, on demand	150
On Shanghai.	Bank, at sight	71
	Private, 30 days' sight	72
On Yokohama.	On demand	93
On Manila.	On demand—Peso	94
On Singapore.	On demand	15 p.c. p.m.
On Batavia.	On demand	121
On Haiphong.	On demand	1 p.c. p.m.
On Saigon.	On demand	1 p.c. p.m.
On Bangkok.	On demand	61
Government's Bank, Buying Rate	9.80	
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	53	
Bar Silver, per oz.	30	

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January 29th.
Quotations are:—Allowice net, to 1 catty.
Malwa New \$1610 to — per picoul.
Malwa Old \$1070 to — " "
Malwa Older \$120 to — "
Malwa V. Old \$125 to — "
Fernian Inequality \$110 to — "
Fernian extra fine \$1150 to — "
Patna New \$95 to — per cent.
Patna Old \$945 to — "
Banaras New \$922 to — "
Banaras Old \$910 to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. str. Korea left Shanghai on the 27th Jan., at 11 p.m., and is expected to arrive here to-day, about 8 a.m.

The P.M. str. Mongolia arrived at Yokohama from San Francisco on the 27th. Her departure from that port is yet uncertain.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The I.G.M. str. Zieten left Singapore on the 27th Jan., a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 1st Feb., a.m.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. str. Tournay left Singapore on the 29th Jan., at 4 p.m. for this port via Saigon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. str. Empress of Japan left Vancouver for Hongkong via usual ports of call on Thursday, the 25th Jan., p.m.

MECHANT STEAMERS.
The str. Baralong, from London and ports, left Singapore for this port on the 24th Jan., and is expected to arrive here to-day.

The J.C.C. Lijn str. Tjelatjop left Macassar for this port on the 22nd Jan., and may be expected here to-morrow.

The Shire Line str. Denbighshire left Singapore on the 24th Jan., and is due here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. chartered str. Courtfield left Bombay on the 17th Jan., and is due to arrive here about the 1st Feb.

The P. & O. str. Nubia left Singapore for this port on the 27th Jan., at 8 a.m.

The Indo-China str. Laisang left Calcutta for this port on the 18th Jan., and may be expected here on or about 3rd Feb.

The A. & O. Line str. Yeddo, from New York, left Singapore on the 28th Jan., for this port, and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The C.P.R. str. Tutar arrived at Yokohama at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, the 26th Jan., and left again at 7 a.m. on Saturday, the 27th for Kobe, where she was due to arrive at 1 p.m., yesterday.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, January 29th.

COMPANY.	PAID UP.	QUOTATIONS.
Alambra	\$200	\$100, sellers
Banks		
Hongkong & Shai.	\$125	\$85, sellers London, 200
National B. of China		
A. Shares	\$5	\$38, buyers
Bell's asbestos E. A.	12s. 6d.	\$84, sellers
China-Borneo Co.	\$12	\$10, sellers
China Light & P. Co.	\$10	\$9, sales & ex-div.
China Provident	\$10	\$84, ex-div.
Cotton Mills		
Ewo.	1s.	1s. 47, buyers
Hongkong	\$10	\$12, buyers
International	1s.	1s. 40,
Lau Kung Mow	1s.	1s. 60,
Soyches	1s.	1s. 250,
Dairy Farm	\$6	\$164, sellers
Docks and Wharves—		
Farnham, E. & Co.	1s.	1s. 120,
H. & K. Wharf & G.	\$50	\$108, sellers
H. & W. Dock	\$50	\$165,
New Anoy Dock	\$64	\$17,
S'hai & H. Wharf	1s.	1s. 235,
Fenwick & Co. Geo.	\$25	\$25,
G. Island Cement	\$10	\$20, buyers
Hongkong & C. Gas.	\$10	\$17.6, buyers
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$14, buyers
H. & New.	\$10	\$14, buyers
H. L. H. Hotel	\$10	\$20,
Hongkong Hotel	\$25	\$149,
Hongkong Ice Co.	\$25	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Hope Co.	\$50	\$182, buyers
Hongkong Waterboat	\$10	\$124, sellers
Insurances		
Caston	\$50	\$120, buyers
China Fire	\$20	\$18, sellers
China Traders	\$25	\$19,
North China	\$25	\$325, sellers
Union	\$100	1s. 95,
Yangtze	\$60	\$170,
Land and Building—		
Hongkong Land Inv.	\$100	\$121, sellers
Humphrey's Estate	\$10	\$13, sales
Kowloon Land & B.	\$30	\$40, sales
Shanghai Land & B.	1s.	1s. 120,
WestPoint Building	\$50	\$65, sellers
Mining—		
Charbonnages	Fcs. 250	\$400,
Rauba	1s. 10	\$44, buyers
Philippine Co.	10	\$5, buyers
Refineries—		
China Sugar	\$100	\$207.4,
Luzon Sugar	\$100	\$26, sellers
Steamship Companies		
China and Manilla	\$25	\$19, buyers
Douglas Steamship	\$60	\$40, buyers
H. Canton & M.	\$15	\$26, buyers
Indo-China S.N. Co.	\$10	\$93, buyers
Shell Transport Co.	\$1	23.7, sellers
Do. Preference	2s. 10s.	23.10s.
Do. New	5s.	22.5, sellers
Shanghai & Dyeing	\$50	\$50,
South China & Post	\$25	\$20, sellers
Steam Laundry Co.	\$5	7.7, sellers
Stores & Dispensaries	\$5	\$0.4, sales & sellers
Campbell, M. & Co.	\$10	\$36,
Powell & Co., Wm.	\$10	\$104, buyers
Watkins	\$10	\$6, sellers
Watson & Co. A.S.	\$10	\$12.5, buyers
United Asbestos	\$4	\$9,
Do. Founders	\$10	\$160.
VEENON & SMYTH, Brokers.		

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.
THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.—For 3 months, 2½ per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 3¼ per cent. per annum.

For 12 months 4 per cent. per annum.

For 18 months 4½ per cent. per annum.

For 2 years 5 per cent. per annum.

For 3 years 5½ per cent. per annum.

For 4 years 6 per cent. per annum.

For 5 years 6½ per cent. per annum.

For 6 years 7 per cent. per annum.

For 7 years 7½ per cent. per annum.

For 8 years 8 per cent. per annum.

For 9 years 8½ per cent. per annum.

For 10 years 9 per cent. per annum.

For 11 years 9½ per cent. per annum.

For 12 years 10 per cent. per annum.

For 13 years 10½ per cent. per annum.

For 14 years 11 per cent. per annum.

For 15 years 11½ per cent. per annum.

For 16 years 12 per cent. per annum.

For 17 years 12½ per cent. per annum.

For 18 years 13 per cent. per annum.

For 19 years 13½ per cent. per annum.

For 20 years 14 per cent. per annum.

For 21 years 14½ per cent. per annum.

For 22 years 15 per